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September 29, 2003

Re: Surety Bond No. 6218205 - Apex Mine

Enclosed is the new bond for the above-referenced project. We have replaced St. Paul Fire and Marine with SAFECO as our surety company. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me in Spokane.

Sincerely,



Catherine Suda
Land Supervisor

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